

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 4, 2008

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Dan Wallace with First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Fred Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2008 Council meeting. Ann DeVore seconded the meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- E. Energy Matters Community Coalition report. Barry Kastner presented a report from the Energy Matters Community Coalition. In his report he stated the ways the City of Columbus could become a “cool city” or in other terms a climate friendly community. He spoke of ways to use less energy and do such things as recycle, build more bike paths, plant trees, change building codes and hire a program manager to oversee that these goals are being met.

**II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.9, 2008 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, and REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “SU-11” (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC BUILDINGS & USES) TO “B-5c” (GENERAL BUSINESS WITH CONDITIONS).” (Columbus Municipal Airport) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He recapped the facts of the Ordinance and indicated this was approximately 2 acres to be rezoned. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved for passage. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.10, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AND REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “AG” (AGRICULTURE) TO “I-3c” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL WITH CONDITIONS).” (Schroer/Jewell Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He recapped the facts of this Ordinance and indicated the property was approximately 36 acres on the west side of I-65, north of State Road 58. Brief

discussion followed. George Dutro moved for passage. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.11, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “SU-13” (SPECIAL USE-UTILITY INSTALLATIONS).” (Southwestern Barth. Water) Jeff Bergman indicated this property was requested to be rezoned in order that it be used as a booster station for Southwestern Bartholomew County Water. Brief discussion followed and a question was raised about the lighting. Alan Ross, representative of Southwestern Bartholomew County Water, was in the audience and answered questions. George Dutro moved to amend the Ordinance to read **“that a note be added to the drawing indicating that exterior lighting not exceed 0.1 foot-candles at the property line”**. Martha Myers seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro moved to approve the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.12, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “SU-5” (SPECIAL USE-CHILDREN’S HOMES AND CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS) TO “SU-11” (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND USES).” (Verizon) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He recapped the terms of this Ordinance and indicated the rezoning would allow Verizon to place a new tower on the property that would be used by Verizon as well as the Bartholomew County Emergency Operations Center. County Commissioner Paul Franke was in the audience representing Bartholomew County. Brief discussion followed. Ann DeVore moved for passage. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

### III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2008, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Schroer/Jewell) Jeff Bergman explained to the Council that when he originally set the time for the public hearing on this annexation the Council meeting time was 7:00 P.M. He asked the Council if they would be willing to hear the next Item on the Agenda and then come back to this Item as it would be nearing 7:00 P.M. George Dutro moved to hear Item B on the Agenda next. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Jeff Bergman explained this was the first reading and public meeting for the annexation of the Schroer/Jewell property. He indicated at the February 6, 2008 Plan Commission meeting the annexation was reviewed. It was forwarded to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed. The applicant requests that an area of approximately 35.74 acres be annexed to the City of Columbus. The property is located on the west side of I-65, north of State Road 58. This is a companion application to the

rezoning request heard by the Council at its February 19, 2008 meeting. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to place in property channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2008, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 AND TITLE 6 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA ENTITLED ANIMALS.” Kevin Konetzka, Animal Control Manager, along with Doug Evans, Chairman of the Animal Control Board presented this Ordinance. There were several board members, past and present, in the audience as well as the Animal Control attorney, Shari Long. Kevin went through the new Ordinance and discussion followed. It was agreed that there would be several changes made prior to the second reading. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels with consideration made for the suggested changes. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

#### **IV. Other Business**

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports: Council Person Craig Hawes reported that the Human Rights Commission had met and wanted Council approval for the appointment of two new members. Craig moved to appoint Pamela Vincent and Shiva Rallapalli as new Members. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

President Pro Tem Martha Myers indicated there would be an information meeting on the new Ordinance Adopting a Replacement Zoning Ordinance on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. in City Council Chambers.

Council Person Joe Richardson submitted his Conflict of Interest to Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan.

- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, March 18th, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer